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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____ .

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 17-21 and 24-32 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-16,22 and 23 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____ .

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5,6 .

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: ____ .

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The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-16, 22, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Alon et al. (USP-5,701,283).

Alon et al discloses a method for detecting a reproducing signal using an optical detection device to receive an optical signal reflected from an optical recording medium and dividing the received signal into multiple signals corresponding to sections of the optical detection device which are arranged in a matrix with rows in a tangential direction and columns in a radial direction of the optical recording medium. See figure 3. "As the positions of the disk tracks change relative to the pixel columns of detector matrix 62, for example, as a result of eccentricity of the optical disk, the track position computation function 80 adjusts the pixel select signals so that switches 132 continually select the pixel signals that correspond to desired disk tracks" (see col. 9, line 66 through col. 10, line 4). Thus, Alon et al discloses "selecting signals which are less degraded than other signals," as claimed. "While calculating track positions and determining the pixel select signals, track position computation function 80 also determines cross-talk cancellation coefficients..." (see col. 10, lines 32-35). Thus, Alon et al obtains a reproducing signal from the selected signals by compensating for an amount of the interference, as claimed.

Claims 17-21 and 24-32 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 703-308-1549.



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